

COUNTY OF PICKENS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR KEEPING THREE OR
MORE DOGS OUTSIDE

**BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN
COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED, AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Liberty to foster a responsible and humane

environment for animals and outline regulations governing the care and maintenance of animals within the city
limits of Liberty:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF LIBERTY amends Chapter 5 – Article II to add section 5-39 Keeping three or more dogs outside:

Minimum standards required for keeping three or more dogs outside.

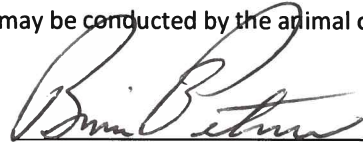
- A. *Kennel standards.* Any person owning, maintaining, keeping or harboring three or more dogs outside, whether for pleasure, exhibition, breeding or profit, upon his premises, shall provide a kennel facility in conformity with the minimum standards set forth in this section.
 - 1. *Proximity of residences.* No person shall operate such a facility with three runs within 100 feet of the residence of another. No person shall operate such a facility with more than three runs within 200 feet of the residence of another. A site plan must be submitted showing the following:
 - a. Property acreage;
 - b. Outdoor Kennels shall be a minimum of 100 square feet per dog and constructed of a chain link fence no less than 6 feet in height with adequate safeguards against burrowing. No adversely attached barriers, partitions, or covering shall be utilized. Fenced enclosures must be properly ventilated, clean, dry, and odor-free, kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times, in a manner that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of neighboring lots due to noise, odor or other adverse impact.
 - c. Identification and dimensions for any existing or proposed outdoor or indoor runs and exercise area also describing intended surfaces;
 - d. Location of any existing wells or sewage treatment areas on site; and
 - e. Location of any water features on site (wetlands, streams, ditches, lakes). A wetland determination may be requested by the city as part of the application.
 - 2. *Fence.* A link wire fence enclosing the whole area to be used shall be erected with adequate safeguards against burrowing. It shall be not less than six feet in height.
 - 3. *Units.* Separate units shall be provided for each dog with an adequate exercise run, minimum of 100 square feet, including adequate shelter against the elements. Each unit shall have a concrete floor or similar surface with provision being made for proper drainage. Any such surface shall be sealed against moisture. Each unit shall be so designed as to be fully accessible for cleaning.

4. *Water.* Water shall be available at the kennel facility and be provided for each unit.
5. *Cleanliness, etc.* Each unit shall be thoroughly cleaned daily and all necessary and reasonable safeguards shall be taken to prevent odors, infestation and any unsanitary conditions.

B. *Temporary caretakers/foster homes.* This section shall not apply to persons who are associated with a recognized rescue group and are registered with animal control as temporary caretakers/foster homes for animals. Dogs kept by temporary caretakers/foster homes must be kept in a fenced enclosure and in a fashion that complies with all other sections of this chapter. A maximum of three dogs may be kept in such temporary/foster status.

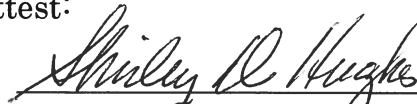
Permit.

No kennel facility shall be constructed or operated without an application having been made to the building and development standards department for a permit. No permit shall be issued to a rental unit without the written and notarized consent of the owner/management company. No permit shall be issued, except a temporary permit for construction, until a final inspection is made by the building and development standards department and the animal control officer. An annual inspection may be conducted by the animal control officer to verify compliance.



Brian Petersen, Mayor

Attest:



Shirley Hughes, City Clerk

1st reading: 2/12/2018

2nd reading: 2/26/2018